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Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to begin by thanking the Chairperson of the International Law Commission, Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, for his report to the Sixth Committee and to all of the members of the Commission for their valuable

work accomplished during this year's session.

First of all, on behalf of the Republic of Bulgaria, I would like to extend my

organizations and courts, both domestic and international, upon

interpreting international treaties.

We welcome the special focus given on specific cases of subsequent agreement and practice, namely the role of the decisions adopted within the framework of the conferences of State parties to international treaties, the practice of international organizations in the application of their constituent instruments and the pronouncements of expert treaty bodies.

We especially welcome draft conclusion 2, which acknowledges the role of

of customary international law. In our view, the draft conclusion will clear any misunderstanding regarding the applicability of the two articles.

It is our view that the draft conclusions and especially their commentaries will provide much needed guidance to legal practitioners when faced with interpreting the provisions of international treaties, and in this regard, they

norms of customary international law by examining a broad range of evidence.

We especially welcome draft conclusion 11 which takes a close look at the relationship and interplay between treaties and customary international law drawing several well founded conclusions on the mutual influence and interaction between the two.

It is our understanding that the draft conclusions and their commentaries

will be a valuable and useful tool for all legal practitioners when faced with the difficult task of identifying specific instances of customary international law.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, we would like to express our continued support for the work of the International Law Commission.

Thank you for your attention!